

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 842

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Corporal Daryl Stalls of the Paris Police Department for heroic and meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans today have continued the time-honored tradition of public service as officers of the law, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in need; and

WHEREAS, one such noble Tennessean is Corporal Daryl Stalls, who has courageously served as a police officer with the Paris Police Department for twenty-two years and was recently awarded its first-ever Medal of Valor for performing an act of exceptional bravery under extremely dangerous circumstances; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2004, reports came in of a man making threats with a gun at a Paris apartment building. Patrolman Mike Ramos and then-Patrolman John Brewer quickly located the suspect driving a truck on North Market Street and began a low-speed pursuit joined by Corporal Stalls; and

WHEREAS, the officers made a number of attempts to stop the vehicle as the driver nearly collided with Stalls' patrol car and eventually sideswiped Patrolman Ramos' vehicle near Fairgrounds Road; and

WHEREAS, finally containing the vehicle on the eastern edge of Paris, the officers were held at bay as the driver put the loaded rifle in his mouth, placing his finger on the trigger, and threatened to kill himself; and

WHEREAS, after three long hours of tense negotiations followed involving police officers and members of the man's family and friends, Stalls seized the chance to get alongside the man's vehicle; and

WHEREAS, seconds later, when the man was distracted, Corporal Daryl Stalls grabbed the barrel of the rifle and held it away from the man as his fellow officers quickly came to his aid and subdued the troubled man; and

WHEREAS, in disregarding his personal safety, Corporal Daryl Stalls actions in saving the life of the man went above and beyond the call of duty and was a selfless exhibition of exceptional courage; and

WHEREAS, while every officer on call that night played a significant part in bringing the situation to a safe conclusion, Corporal Stalls lifesaving actions were key to resolving the stalemate and are especially worthy of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Stalls, along with all of the members of the Paris Police Department, have performed their duties as police officers with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; such service can only be categorized as outstanding, and deserves proper recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Corporal Daryl Stalls of the Paris Police Department for his meritorious service in the face of imminent danger, commend him on being selected as the first recipient of the Paris Police Department Medal of Valor, and offer our thanks for his constant efforts to protect the safety and welfare of the good people of Paris, Henry County, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.